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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6049**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1026

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 8, 2002

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Storage Fees for Abandoned Vehicles.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Smith V

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that if a public agency or towing operator fails to notify the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (Bureau) of the removal of an abandoned vehicle within 72 hours after the vehicle is removed, the public agency or towing operator: (1) initially may not collect more in reimbursement for the costs of storing the vehicle than the cost incurred for storage for 72 hours; and (2) may collect reimbursement for the rest of the storage costs incurred only after notifying the Bureau of the removal of the abandoned vehicle.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Bureau of Motor Vehicles may experience additional administrative costs associated with abandoned vehicles because of the 72-hour time frame for notification by the local unit or towing operator. The fund affected is the Motor Vehicle Highway Account which supports the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** Cities of the first to fourth classes may elect to sell and keep revenues from vehicles abandoned in their jurisdictions. This proposal likely will reduce the revenue to these cities, or delay receipt of the revenue until the jurisdiction complies with the requirement of notification of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

**State Agencies Affected:** Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Those cities of the first to fourth classes who participate in the sale of abandoned vehicles in their jurisdictions.

**Information Sources:**

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